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EDITORIAL.

THERE has been little change in the School this year. The numbers reached 166 in the Autumn Term, as fewer girls than usual left in the summer. This year, too, there is a larger Sixth Form than there has been for some time. We are more than ready for new buildings.

Miss Forrester left at Easter to work with the Good Companions, in organizing Clubs for Unemployed Workers in Staffordshire. We were so glad to see her again when she came over to stay with Miss Thomas, and we are hoping that some day she will come and talk to us about her work. Miss Charles joined the Staff in the Summer Term.

The following girls have left during the year:—E. Bostock, H. Brown, M. Halden, N. Millington, D. Bury, M. Prince, J. Dalley, J. Young, D. Wood, E. Gamage, S. Dykes, K. Bloor, W. Cope, P. Kelly, R. Jaggar; and from the Preparatory Department, David Griffiths.

The following have been admitted:—Spring Term, 1934.—M. Bradbury, E. Cooper, C. Manhire; Summer Term.—Upper IV.: J. Collinson, III.a: M. Morley, Preparatory: D. Bamford, K. Smith; Autumn Term.—Lower V.: M. Binks; III.: C. Blore, W. Blore, J. Crosby, M. Collis, N. Cross, E. Fowell, U. Harris, C. Hine, M. MacBean, J. Martin, G. Middleton, K. Robinson, S. Roberts, B. Salt, M. Shenton, K. Scott, B. Simister, F. Ward, E. Woolley; Preparatory: B. Cottrell, K. Coventry, N. Longson, G. Ward, J. Wright.

During the Easter holidays a party of ten, with Miss Cooper, joined the School Journey's Association's tour to Belgium. For nearly all the party it was their first visit abroad, and they were fascinated by the sights and the people, and were more than a little astonished to find that they could make themselves understood in French. On May 12th a party of over 80 girls visited London on an expedition arranged by the L.M.S. Transport Board, and enjoyed a long sight-seeing drive through the principal streets.

In the Summer Term we entertained 60 mothers from the Birmingham Settlement—twice the usual number. They were accompanied by a German Jewess who was helping in the Settlement: she had held a similar post in Munich, but she, together with other Jewish colleagues and those who did not favour Hitler, was dismissed on the establishment of the new régime. Towards the end of the term, Miss Hyatt most kindly offered a prize for a Local History Competition, and to obtain material for this a number of girls visited Croxden Abbey with Miss Thomas. In the Autumn Term, Miss Hyatt herself came to School to speak to those who had entered the competition and presented the prizes to K. Hughes and M. Hill.

The School was so unfortunate as to be in quarantine during part of the Autumn Term, and several Hockey Matches had to be cancelled, while the usual party could not visit Denstone for the play. But we were able to hold the two performances of the Nativity Play on Dec. 19th, from the proceeds of which we sent £3 to the Birmingham Settlement. A smaller party than usual went carol-singing, and collected £2, which was sent to St. Dunstan's.

K. SIMMS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1933.

W. Cope (Head Girl), B. Stubbs, J. Young (full), K. Bloor, K. Simms, M. Snell, O. Taylor, J. Bradbury, M. Lewis (on probation).

Nov., 1933.—P. Kelly, G. Thurman (on probation).

SPRING TERM, 1934.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—B. Stubbs, P. Bull, B. Coupland, M. Berrisford, D. Hurst, G. Mountford, G. Mellor.

SUMMER TERM.

DRILL BADGES.—E. Gammage, N. Millington, D. Forster, M. Prince.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—N. Hammond, J. Hughes, E. Gammage, N. Millington, L. Tunnicliffe, D. Forster, M. Prince, A. Surtees.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1934.

B. Stubbs (Head Girl), M. Snell, K. Simms, O. Taylor, G. Thurman, P. Kelly (full), M. Perrins, M. Harper, P. Bull (on probation).

SPRING TERM, 1935.—D. Hall, J. Bradley, B. Coupland (on probation).

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.

DRILL BADGES.—G. Mountford, N. Surtees, G. Mellor.

GOOD POSITION BADGES.—O. Hudson, E. Cooper, J. Walker, L. Prince.

SPRING TERM, 1934.

Jan. 12—Nativity Play.

Jan. 13—Nativity Play.

Feb. 2—Lecture by Miss C. Garrard on "Morocco."

Feb. 8—Lecture by Mr. Stainton on "The Work of the League of Nations."

Mar. 1—Lecture by Miss Haverfield on the "Ministering Children's League."

Mar. 23—Hockey Match, School v. Guides.

April 3—Party left Uttoxeter for Belgium, returning on April 9th.

SUMMER TERM, 1934.

June 27—Rounders Match, School v. Guides.
Music Competition.

June 29—School Birthday.

July 18—Tennis Match, Staff v. School.

July 20—Visit of Birmingham Mothers.

July 25—Staff and Prefects' Party.

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.

Oct. 11—Speech Day.

Oct. 16—Talk by Mr. Mulholland on "National Savings Movement."

Nov. 28—Lecture by The Comtesse de Croze on "La Normandie."

Dec. 14—Senior Party.

Dec. 19—Nativity Play.

Dec. 20—Old Girls' Reunion.

Dec. 21—Carol Singing for St. Dunstan's and the Birmingham Settlement.

HOUSE NEWS.

APOLLO.

Autumn Term.—We were second in term marks.

Spring Term.—We won the Hockey Cup, and were second in the Music Competition.

Summer Term.—We won the Sports Cup and also the two Championships, O. Hudson winning the Junior Championship and B. Stubbs the Senior. M. Snell and P. Bull won the Tennis Cup for us, and we tied with Jupiter in Rounders.

In the Summer Term we were sorry not to be able to hold our usual Tennis Tournament in aid of Dr. Barnado's Homes owing to lack of a convenient date: we hope, therefore, to double our efforts this year.

BRENDA STUBBS.

JUPITER, 1933—4.

Autumn Term.—We were fourth in term marks.

Spring Term.—We were fourth in the Hockey Matches.

Summer Term.—We were fourth in the Sports and in the house relay race. In the Music Competition we tied with Neptune for the third place. We were fourth in the House Tennis Matches and in the year's total marks.

P. KELLY.

MARS, 1933—34.

Autumn Term.—Mars Whist Drive in aid of the Staffordshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind was held on Nov. 18th, and we raised £5 10s.

Spring Term.—We were second in the Hockey Matches.

Summer Term.—Mars were second in Sports but won the relay race. We were third in Tennis and second in the yearly House marks. The Singing Competition was held this term and was won by Mars.

W. G. COPE.

NEPTUNE, 1933—34.

Autumn Term.—We were third in our termly marks.

Spring Term.—We were third in the House Hockey Matches.

Summer Term.—In the House Singing Competition we tied with Jupiter for third place. We were third in the Sports. In the House Tennis Matches we were second. J. Bradley won the Tennis Singles Championship. At the end of the term we held a Sale of Work in aid of the Alton Cripples' Home. We were able to send £7 to the Home. In the year's total marks we were third.

J. YOUNG.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Thursday, Oct. 11th, in the Town Hall. Unfortunately Sir Percival Heywood was unable to be present, but Miss Herbert presided in his absence. She brought us some very good news—that the much-needed extensions to the School would be begun this year.

After Miss Cooper's report, the prizes were presented by Miss E. H. Ekins, O.B.E., B.Sc., Principal of Studley College, Warwickshire. In her address, Miss Ekins told us that pupils at her college came from many parts of the world, and she was convinced that the world's work was done by two classes of people—those who specialised and the all-round people, which latter, she thought, had the better chance to-day. Miss Ekins said she sometimes found that her students were afraid of responsibility, and advised us all to shoulder responsibility and become finer women for doing so.

Mr. Boden, J.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Ekins, and was seconded by Brenda Stubbs, the Head Girl.

A Musical Concert, given by the School, concluded the programme. It included pieces by the orchestra, a round composed by Form III., and three part-songs.

MARGARET PERRINS.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES.

Preparatory Dept., M. Tunncliffe; Form III.b, P. Cooper, J. Horne; Form III.a, U. Hughes, M. Roberts; Form Lower IV., M. Hill, D. East, E. Wright; Form Upper IV., N. Bentley, V. Fell, M. Wilkinson; Form Lower V., J. Bradley, B. Coupland, B. Taylor; Form Upper V., G. Thurman, M. Perrins.

Scripture Prize (presented by Mrs. Ward), S. Dykes; Essay Prize (presented by Miss Ruegg), K. Simms, D. Salt; Geography Prize (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor), G. Thurman; French Prize, G. Thurman; Music Prize (presented by Miss Malvern), N. Bentley; The Joseph Williams Music Prize, A. Surtees; Domestic Science Prize (presented by Mrs. Eckersley), J. Ryder; Prizes for Speech (presented by the Old Girls), K. Simms, G. Mountford; Merita Prize (presented by Miss Budgen), B. Stubbs.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.—JULY, 1934.

School Certificate of the Northern Universities' Joint Board: Matriculation Certificate, G. Thurman; School Certificates, I. M. Bull, D. Hall, M. J. Harper, M. W. Perrins, D. Wood; County Intermediate Scholarship, K. Simms.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.—The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music: Pianoforte (Elementary), J. Fallowes.

HOUSE AWARDS.—Hockey Cup, Apollo; Tennis Cup, Apollo; Sports Cup, Apollo; Music Bâton, Mars; House Shield, Apollo.

SCHOOL BIRTHDAY.

A number of Old Girls came to Prayers, and there were telegrams and congratulations from Miss Budgen, Miss Minna Beck, Violet Garwood, Miss Walker, Miss Pierce-Thomas, Margaret Bagnall, and Audrey Sutton. A collection amounting to £3 1s. 6d. was taken for the School Birthday Present. The School Council later decided that this should be spent on books for the Fiction Library.

We were very fortunate in the weather—the sun shone all day. A Tennis Tournament which was arranged in the afternoon for old and present girls and staff was won by Miss Tribe and Joan Ryder. Those who did not play tennis played organized rounders on the Hockey Field. About 6 p.m. we ended a very happy day by singing Auld Lang Syne.

D. HALL.

HOCKEY, 1933—4.

- Sept. 30—Brownhills High School, Tunstall (away), lost 5—0.
Oct. 14—School of S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley (away), lost 9—0.
21—Parkfields Cedars Secondary School, Derby (away), won 3—1.
28—St. Dominic's School Stoke (away), draw 2—2.
Nov. 4—Derby High School (away), won 3—0.
11—Uttoxeter Ladies (home), lost 2—0.
18—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), scratched.
25—Ashbourne Grammar School (home), scratched.
Dec. 2—Burton High School (home), scratched.
16—Westwood Hall, Leek (home), scratched.
Jan. 20—Brownhills High School, Tunstall (home), lost 5—0.
27—St. Dominic's School, Stoke (home), won 5—4.
Feb. 3—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), won 11—0.
10—Derby High School (home), lost 3—2.
17—Burton High School (away), scratched.
24—Westwood Hall, Leek (away), won 7—2.
28—Longton High School (home), won 6—0.
March 3—Ashbourne Grammar School (away), scratched.
21—Burton High School (away), lost 7—1.

W. COPE.

TENNIS, 1934.

- May 26—Westwood Hall, Leek (away), won 61—38 games.
June 9—St. Dominic's (home), scratched.
13—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (away), lost 4—0.

- June 20—Derby High School (home), scratched.
 30—Westwood Hall, Leek (home), won 5—3.
 July 7—Orme Girls' School, Newcastle (home), lost 6—1.
 11—Ashbourne Grammar School (away), drawn, unfinished.
 14—School of S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley (away),
 scratched.
 18—The Staff, lost 5—4.

The School was represented by J. Bradley and P. Bull; M. Snell and B. Coupland; J. Ryder and W. Cope; B. Bryant also played.

Miss Walker's Challenge Cup for the Singles Tournament was won this year by J. Bradley, who defeated J. Ryder in the final by 6—1, 6—1.

The result of the House Tennis Tournament was: 1. Apollo; 2. Neptune; 3. Mars; 4. Jupiter.

O. TAYLOR (Games Sec.).

TENNIS MATCH.—PREFECTS v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL PREFECTS.

The School Prefects were challenged by the Grammar School Prefects to a Tennis match to be played on July 24th on our courts. After tea we played mixed doubles.

The School Prefects were represented by: 1. W. Cope and M. Snell; 2. K. Simms and J. Young; 3. O. Taylor and G. Thurman.

The Grammar School team was as follows: 1. T. Boden and J. Povey; 2. H. Meakin and J. Sargeant; 3. R. Allport and R. Harper.

The Grammar School easily won, in spite of a hard struggle between their third couple and our second couple. We hope that the match will become an annual event.

O. TAYLOR (Games Sec.)

THE SPORTS, 1934,

The Annual Sports were held on the School Hockey Field on May 16th. Fortunately the weather was fine, and there was a good gathering of parents and friends assembled by the field at 2 p.m. All the events were keenly contested, and Mrs. Bull kindly presented the prizes. Brenda Stubbs gained the Senior Championship with 28 points, and Jean Bradley was runner-up with 25 points. Olga Hudson obtained the Junior Championship with 32 points, and Joyce Stevenson was runner-up with 28 points. The Sports Cup went to Apollo, who were top with 117 points. Some events were decided before the day:—

Cross Country Race—Senior: 1. B. Stubbs; 2. W. Cope;
3. Mgt. Shipton.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior: 1. M. Bagshaw; 2. J. Bradley;
3. G. Ward. Junior: 1. O. Hudson; 2. L. Tunncliffe;
3. J. Stevenson.

Long Jump—Senior: 1. J. Bradley; 2. K. Bloor and B. Stubbs
(tie). Junior: 1. J. Stevenson; 2. E. Manhire; 3. M. Perrins.

The following events took place on May 16th:—

Sack Race—Senior: 1. M. Snell; 2. F. Blore; 3. B. Stubbs.
Junior: 1. M. Tunncliffe; 2. I. MacBean; 3. M. Wilkinson.
Under 11: 1. M. Hardy; 2. M. Tunncliffe; 3. G. Mellor.

Three-legged Race—Senior: 1. M. Snell and B. Stubbs; 2. J.
Bradley and M. Harris; 3. J. Fallows and P. Bull. Junior:
1. M. Perrins and O. Hudson; 2. D. Stanier and J. Stevenson;
3. A. Surtees and M. Tunncliffe. Under 11: 1. M. Tunncliffe
and G. Robinson; 2. D. Prince and P. Phillips; 3. M. Hardy
and B. Bagnall.

100 yards—Senior: 1. K. Houldcroft; 2. J. Bradley; 3. M. Snell.
Junior: 1. O. Hudson; 2. J. Stevenson; 3. M. Perrins.

Under 11, 80 yards—1. G. Mellor; 2. M. Tunncliffe; 3. D. Prince.

Prep. Dept., 50 yards—1. M. Hardy; 2. E. Manhire; 3. M. Henry.

High Jump—Senior: 1. K. Hughes, 4' 2"; 2. J. Bradley, 4';
3. F. Blore, 3' 11". Junior: 1. J. Stevenson, 3' 10"; 2. N.
Bentley and O. Hudson.

Potato Race—Senior: 1. J. Bradley; 2. B. Stubbs; 3. M. Bagshaw.
Junior: 1. J. Stevenson; 2. N. Bentley; 3. O. Hudson.

Slow Bicycle—Senior: 1. M. Harris; 2. W. Cope; 3. B. Coupland.
Junior: 1. B. Torrance; 2. E. Stokes; 3. M. Wilkinson.

220 yards—Senior: 1. Mgt. Shipton; 2. B. Stubbs; 3. M. Snell.
Junior: 1. O. Hudson; 2. J. Stevenson; 3. M. Massey.

Bunny Jump, Prep. Dept.—1. T. Bamford; 2. M. Hardy.

Flower Pot Race—Senior: 1. W. Cope; 2. E. Gammage; 3. P. Bull.
Junior: 1. M. Perrins; 2. O. Hudson; 3. E. Manhire.

Obstacle Race—Senior: 1. B. Stubbs; 2. B. Coupland; 3. J.
Bradley. Junior: 1. G. Mountford; 2. E. Manhire; 3. O.
Hudson.

Skiping Race, under 11—1. G. Mellor; 2. M. Tunncliffe; 3. G.
Robinson and M. Hardy (tie).

House Relay Race—1. Mars; 2. Apollo.

MARJORIE S. SNELL.

1st UTTOXETER GIRL GUIDES.

The Guides have had a successful year. In the Autumn Term all the Guides worked very hard filling over two sacks with Christmas stockings for the appeal from headquarters. In the Spring Term, Miss Deards joined the Company as Lieutenant, Miss Pierce-Thomas having resigned in the previous Summer Term. Each Guide enjoyed entertaining one other member of the school at a party in the School Hall on February 27th.

The Guides challenged the School to a Hockey Match in the Spring Term, and were defeated by one goal. In the Summer Term we again challenged the School, but this time to a Rounders Match, and we were hopelessly defeated! At the end of the Summer Term we were very sorry to lose three of our leaders, W. Cope, J. Young and B. Watson, and several other Guides; we wish them every success in their careers. The following badges have been awarded during the year: three laundress, seven 2nd class; and fifteen new Guides have been enrolled.

G. H. PHILLIPS (Captain).

SCHOOL COUNCIL.

This year a change has taken place in the constitution of the School Council. At a Council meeting held in the Summer Term it was found that representation from forms was unsatisfactory, and that there was not enough co-operation between Junior and Senior Councils. Miss Cooper suggested that representatives from Houses might more effectually take the place of form representatives. It was therefore proposed that in future there should be one Council only, with the Headmistress as President, the Head Girl as Vice-President, and representatives from Houses consisting of House mistresses, prefects, and one girl from Forms Upper IV., Lower V. and Upper V. in each House.

The proposal was carried, and the representatives attended the last meeting of the Summer Term at which the form of the School's Birthday present was discussed. Suggestions which had been given in at House meetings were read out (at the meeting) and were very varied, including books for form and fiction libraries, pictures, a new tennis net, and a new and larger mirror for the cloakroom. The meeting voted for books for the Fiction Library, and a committee was appointed to choose them. Other questions discussed during the year have included talking on the stairs, and movement about the School. During the Spring and Summer Terms, Neptune undertook to do the scavenging and

Mars to keep the cloakroom tidy. Last term all the duties such as scavenging were done by the Houses: Jupiter kept the cloakroom tidy, Apollo did the scavenging, and Mars and Neptune shared the task of keeping the Front Hall and Assembly Hall tidy, as well as preparing the latter for drawing and singing. At half-term this term the duties were changed, and now Neptune looks after the cloakroom and Mars the scavenging, while the other two Houses do chairs.

K. SIMMS (Secretary).

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Last term we again formed the Science Society. The following committee was elected: President, Miss Cooper; Secretary, O. Taylor; Treasurer, G. Thurman; and Miss Foxton and Miss Whittlesey.

On Nov. 29th Mr. Stoney came to speak to us on 'Gardening,' and he gave us some good advice on the plotting of small gardens.

O. TAYLOR.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In the Autumn Term many new members joined the School branch of the League of Nations, and we now have a membership of 90 girls.

We did not have any social activities in the Autumn Term, but this term Mr. I. Popham gave a lecture on the Norwegian explorer, 'Nansen.' Everyone enjoyed it, and was thoroughly interested in the lecture.

Many of the new girls have foreign correspondents in France, Australia, New Zealand and America. Some members of the School league took part in the distribution and collecting of the Peace Ballot forms in the district.

MARJORIE S. SNELL.

THE NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

For some time, interest in the School branch of this association had been decreasing. Early last term Mr. Mulholland, one of the officials of the National Association, gave a talk in which he stated the advantages of the National Savings movement, and urged people to join their School branch from which they would gain extra advantages. His advice was taken by several people,

and the membership of the School branch is now over twenty and the weekly sales of stamps average about 15/-.

It is hoped that this renewed interest will continue, and that the number of members will increase still further.

M. C. FOXTON (Hon. Sec.).

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The meetings of the Dramatic Society, which now has sixteen members, are still held on alternate Friday evenings from 4 o'clock until 5.30 p.m. In the meetings at the beginning of the Autumn Term we rehearsed scenes from 'Love's Labours Lost,' which provided excellent practice for picking up cues. The meetings towards the end of the term were taken up by rehearsals for the Nativity Play.

This term the society is producing two scenes, one is from 'The Government Inspector.' The essentials in acting this scene are speed and attack, side-acting and grouping are also important. The other is from 'The Lady with a Lamp.' This is almost entirely a study of character, and there is little action in the scene.

G. A. THURMAN.

THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

A branch of the M.C.L. has now been officially started in the School. Miss Cooper has kindly consented to be President, and Miss Hutton combines the duties of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary; Miss Deards and Miss Jones are associates, and there are now eighteen members. The branch has had two visits from the M.C.L. Headquarters Secretary, Miss Haverfield, who told us a great many interesting things about the M.C.L., and showed us different articles that we can make. At present we are chiefly engaged in making a patchwork counterpane, knitted bedroom slippers, and scrap-books.

The M.C.L. hopes to hold two meetings a term, and hopes also to increase its numbers in the future. The subscription is fixed at 6d. per year.

M. K. H.

THE FICTION LIBRARY.

This year the School Birthday present consisted of books for the Fiction Library. The following books were bought:—

For the Juniors—Sentimental Tommy (Barrie), Alice and Thomas and Jane (Bagnold), Children of the New Forest

(Marryat), I will Repay (Baroness Orczy), Bulldog Drummond (Sapper), Lives of the Hunted (Thompson-Seton), Tom Sawyer (Mark Twain), Huckleberry Finn (Mark Twain), Jeremy and Hamlet (Walpole), Jeremy at Crale (Walpole), Beau Geste (P. C. Wren).

For the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms—Sard Harker (Masefield), The Dark Forest (Walpole), The Good Companions (Priestley), Royal Flush (Margaret Irwin).

The following books were replaced—John Macnab (Buchan), Thirty-nine Steps (Buchan), Prester John (Buchan), Alice in Wonderland (Carroll), Helen's Babies (Habberton), White Fang (Jack London), Kipps (H. G. Wells), Treasure Island (Stevenson), Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (K. D. Wiggin).

This year more girls than usual have been borrowing books from the Fiction Library.

During this year Mr. Smith has kindly given us many books, for which we are very grateful. We are also grateful to Miss Hutton for presenting two books.

Many old girls wish to present something to the School when they leave. A gift which would be greatly appreciated would be a book for the Fiction Library.

G. A. THURMAN } (Librarians).
M. J. HARPER }

THE VISIT OF THE BIRMINGHAM MOTHERS.

The annual visit of a party of Mothers from the Birmingham Settlement was on July 21st, which was fortunately a fine day.

About sixty Mothers arrived by bus at 1 p.m. and were received by the Old Girls. After an enjoyable lunch they were each escorted round the gardens by one or two girls. Our visitors were then entertained by a display of country dancing by the Upper School, and a play, 'The Seven Dwarfs,' performed by the Brownie Pack. Each House held a competition and small prizes were given to the winners. Neptune's obstacle race caused much amusement for both the competitors and the spectators. Jupiter held a hat-making competition; and Mars held two competitions: one was lighting candles with one match, and the other was a race in winding up string. Apollo were unable to hold their competition owing to shortage of time.

After tea, about 4.30 p.m., the Mothers had their photographs taken in groups. Then they left for home, each taking a gift of food and flowers.

We wish to thank the Old Girls and Parents for their generous help in sending food and flowers, and the Old Girls also for their help in entertaining the Mothers.

B. COUPLAND.

OUR VISIT TO BELGIUM.

During the Easter holiday a party of ten girls, accompanied by Miss Cooper, joined the main party of 500 scholars from all parts of the country, which took part in a tour to Belgium arranged by the School Journey Association.

Leaving Uttoxeter on Monday, April 3rd, 1934, at 10.10 a.m., we arrived in London soon after lunch and spent the afternoon in the Tower, and in the evening returned by the Thames Embankment and Westminster Bridge to Gordon Street, where we stayed for the night.

The next morning we joined the rest of the party at Victoria Station, and went by a special train to Dover. We had a perfectly calm crossing to Ostend, and happily none of our party were seasick, though several had nervous qualms beforehand.

At the harbour station the party split up, some having their headquarters in Brussels, some in Antwerp, and the rest, including ourselves, went by train to Bruges. We walked through the cobbled streets to the Grande Place, where a porter from the hotel was standing holding a flag with the name of our hotel on it—The Taverne Royale—exactly opposite the Belfry. We had a warm welcome from the proprietor, who spoke English, and who had been attached to the British Army during the Great War. But we met with kindness in Bruges wherever we went.

The next morning (Thursday) after Continental rolls, butter, and coffee, we met the rest of the party in the Grande Place to go sightseeing at 8.30 a.m. The first place we visited was the ancient building, consisting of the belfry, the meat market, and the vegetable market, known collectively as the 'Halles.' The belfry, originally of wood, has been several times destroyed by fire and rebuilt. The famous carillon of between forty and fifty bells is housed here, and during the evening we were treated to a special concert, consisting of such good old tunes as 'Little Brown Jug,' 'Clementine,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' etc. We were also shown over the chapel and museum of the Holy Blood, and perhaps the most wonderful of all the old buildings in Bruges, the 13th century church of Notre Dame. The interior is crowded with fine paintings, carvings and statues. The two most outstanding works of art are the tombs of Mary of Burgundy and Charles the Bold,

wrought in copper and black marble; and the beautiful white marble statue of the 'Madonna and the Child,' by Michael Angelo. Several of us climbed the belfry in the middle of the day, and as well as all this attended a civic reception in the Town Hall in the afternoon. After this we had a long walk through that quarter of the town where one can still see lace being made by hand in the doorways of the tiny picturesque houses, to the Béguinage. Here, in peaceful seclusion, dwell those nuns who wish to retreat from the cares of the world. They differ from English nuns in that they do not take perpetual vows, nor do they renounce private property, so they can return to the world if they wish to do so. Their houses, convents and their church are situated round a central patch of green. From the Béguinage it was but a step to 'Le Lac D'amour,' a placid pool of water, once a busy harbour. The last place which we visited was the Cathedral of St. Saviour, which rivals in beauty the Church of Notre Dame.

By this time we were more familiar with the town and able to find our way through the numerous squares and tortuous, cobbled streets. Most of the inhabitants speak French, although Flemish is the language in common use; but quite a number of the ordinary people have a smattering of English.

On Friday morning a fleet of motor-coaches was waiting to take us to Ghent, a distance of 25 miles. We found this particularly interesting since we caught glimpses into the rural life of the country, such as land being ploughed by bullocks, etc. Ghent was a busier town than Bruges, but this may have been due to its being market day. Our guide, M. Alfons De Moor, took us first to that magnificent specimen of Norman architecture, the Castle of the Counts of Flanders. Here we saw the old methods of torture and the cell where Counts Egmont and Horne were imprisoned. From there we went to the lovely old Cathedral of Saint-Bavon, all round the sides of which are set little private chapels. In one is the world famous triptych, 'The Adoration of the Lamb,' by the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck, part of which has since been stolen. We also visited the Cloth Hall and the Town Hall, and we were conducted over the domestic quarters of one of the convents in the Béguinage, where we saw the refectory, the parlour, work rooms, a nun's cell and her Sunday gown, made of very thick material with a tight bodice—she wears it both summer and winter!

On Saturday the same coaches carried us through Ghent and Brussels to Waterloo. Here we climbed the huge artificial mound, surmounted by a stone image of a lion, which commemorates the victory against Napoleon, and saw the panorama of the battlefield which reconstructs the scene. On the return journey we went

round Brussels, where we saw the old market centre, the tomb of the unknown warrior, the Royal Palace, and the enormous Palais de Justice.

This day we did not return to Bruges but drove to Blankenberghe on the coast, where after dinner the entire party was treated to an elaborate civic reception in the Casino. After dancing to the orchestra, there was a turn by a pair of clowns, followed by a few short speeches of welcome from the town, in which they expressed the hope that we should carry back to England many happy memories of Belgium.

On Sunday a special train took us to Zeebrugge, where we saw the Mole, and listened to an account of the blocking of the canal by our navy during the Great War. A short service was held by the St. George's Memorial, after which we visited the museum. Then we entrained for Ostend, where our boat was waiting, and after a good crossing we arrived in Dover about 1.30 p.m. and arrived at Victoria about 4 p.m. In the evening, several of us attended a service in Westminster Abbey. The next day we visited the Zoo and Westminster Abbey, and shopped in Oxford Street. We left St. Pancras at 4.20 p.m. and arrived at Uttoxeter about 8 o'clock, after the most enjoyable holiday of our lives.

MARJORIE S. SNELL.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION PIONEERS' CAMP, 1934.

In the summer, three of us went with Miss Thomas to the League of Nations Pioneers' Camp in Sandy Balls Wood, Hampshire. There were about a hundred and fifty people there including the leaders and the foreigners—two Germans, an Austrian, a Finn, a Pole who was there for a few days, and a French girl; the doctor was Chinese. The whole camp was divided up into small unit camps of twenty-five people each, having the names of animals: Foxes, Otters, Badgers, Stags, Squirrels, Hares and Bears. We were in the Hares, and Miss Thomas was in the Bears. Our leader came from the Grith Fyrd Camp (for unemployed men), and he taught us wood-craft and camp-craft.

The following is a typical day in camp: between six-thirty and seven we got up and lit the fire and put the water on to boil for porridge, then we went down to the River Avon to wash. When we came back we made the porridge, and cut the bread, and after breakfast the orderlies for the day washed up, and the rest took their blankets out to air them and tidied up the camp ready for the daily inspection. After inspection came Assembly. Here we

had lectures by Mr. Alec Wilson on the activities of the League, and debates and discussions. At the close of each Assembly the result of the inspection was read out, and the winning camp was awarded the Cock and permission to use the canoe for the day. We then returned to our respective camps and set to work, either to peel potatoes for dinner or fetch firewood, put our blankets back into our tents and make gadgets for which we had marks; when we were free we went swimming, or explored the woods. After dinner we often had sports or stool-ball, and one day we felled a tree. Supper was at seven and camp fire at eight, where we sang the songs of England, Finland and Germany. Sometimes one of the camps entertained the others with dancing or acting. After cocoa and biscuits we went to bed with the ants, though we were too tired to bother about them. There were expeditions to Stonehenge and Salisbury, and to Southampton, where we went over the Berengaria, to the Grith Fyrd Camp. Grith Fyrd means Peace Army: there the men make their own huts, and we saw one that was being constructed. One night we had midnight manoeuvres on the moors: two parties lit fires at a distance from one another, and the attacking party had to creep to the opposing camp and snatch the trophy (a toffee tin) from within the circle of light thrown by the defenders' fire: we had to worm our way, lying flat, through the prickly gorse and bracken on our elbows.

We returned home with regret after having spent a very enjoyable fortnight of freedom in the woods, and we are looking forward to next year.

MARGARET J. HARPER.

EXPEDITION TO LONDON.

On May 12th a party of about eighty girls visited London with an expedition arranged by the L.M.S. Rly. Co. The train left Uttoxeter at 9 a.m., taking a large excited party, for there were large contingents from other schools besides ourselves.

We arrived at Euston about 12.15, and immediately set off on a sight-seeing tour by bus. In Oxford Street we saw some of London's largest shops with their striking window displays of millinery and evening gowns. At street corners stood men selling mechanical toys and false noses, while one of London's boot-blacks sat dozing against a lamp-post. As it was Saturday afternoon there was less traffic than usual, but the crowds released from shops and offices were hurrying for trains and buses. We drove to Westminster by way of the Marble Arch, Park Lane, Piccadilly and Whitehall. In Whitehall the Cenotaph, the Horse Guards, and the severe-looking Government buildings, were pointed out to

us. At Westminster we saw St. Margaret's and the Abbey, then we went into the Houses of Parliament and into Westminster Hall, where a tablet marks the spot where King Charles I. stood during his trial.

We next made our way to the Tower and went through the White, Bloody, and Jewel Towers. In the White Tower was a gruesome collection of arms, armour, and instruments of torture, including the axe which was used for the last time in England at the execution of Simon, Lord Lovat, and two other Jacobite lords after the '45 Rebellion.

The buses returned to the station through the city, and we saw the newspaper offices of Fleet Street and the Old Bailey. Leaving Euston at 4.30 p.m. we arrived home tired but happy, having seen an astonishing amount in our short visit.

M. PERRINS.

D. HALL.

THE NATIVITY PLAY.

This year's play was adapted by Martin Browne from the *Ludus Coventriae* (fifteenth century) which, in addition to the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Appearance of the Angels to the Shepherds and their worship at the Manger, the Visit of the Wise Men, and the Presentation in the Temple, included an introductory scene which is a beautiful preparation for what follows.

Contemplation, in monk's habit, bitterly laments the fall of the human race who must, for their sins, lie endlessly in Limbo. He implores God to descend from Heaven that the power of Satan may be overthrown; and following this lament, four virtues, Truth, Mercy, Justice, and Peace, dispute the tragic situation. They fail to agree and place the matter before God. His messenger Gabriel informs them of the condition of salvation, that only if one sinless man is found willing to suffer and die for mankind can they be restored again to God's favour. Whereupon the Virtues search far and near for one just man, but no man can be found. In their despair they kneel and pray, and then are heard successively the Voices of the Three Persons of the Trinity, foretelling the Incarnation.

The individual devotion of the author shows itself in beautiful details: in the perfect humility of Mary's prayer, in her seventh petition which she asks 'with great fear,'

That I may see once in my life

That lady that shall Gode's Son bear,

That I may serve her with my wits five,

in her suggestion that she shall stay with Elizabeth to 'wash,

scour and sweep' for the three months she is needed; in the completely different natures of the three Kings, the joy of the first, 'hot love' of the second, and sorrowful intuition of the third; and in the final Voice of the Father at the close of the Temple scene, proclaiming His eternal purpose:

This is thy well-beloved Child,
Clean and pure and undefiled
In body and soul and deed;
I come to earth in this my Child
To wean you from your works wild
And save you from the dead.
Take heed what he doth preach,
Follow what he doth teach,
He is your heavenly leech
And way to bliss indeed.

The growth of the tradition of the Nativity Play in the School is seen in the unassuming and willing co-operation of everyone concerned: actors, choir, stage hands, dressers; in the growing collection of fitting properties and clothes, for which latter we are greatly indebted to Miss Hutton's skill and hard work. We owe very much, too, to our friends in the audience, whose sympathetic participation is so valuable to the right presentation of the play.

M. W. C.

LA NORMANDIE.

Le 28 Novembre, Madame la Comtesse de Croze nous a donné une conférence sur "la Normandie." Au moyen de la lanterne magique, elle nous a fait voir les villes pittoresques, les vieux châteaux, les belles cathédrales qui s'y trouvent. La Normandie a beaucoup de souvenirs anglais car autrefois, les rois d'Angleterre possédaient ce pays. Guillaume le conquérant était duc de Normandie avant qu'il conquérît l'Angleterre. Nous avons toutes entendu parler de la tapisserie de Bayeux qui peint la conquête de l'Angleterre. Cette tapisserie fut brodée par Mathilde, femme de Guillaume, et celles qui ont visité Bruges savent l'histoire de son mariage. Ni Mathilde ni son père le Comte de Flandre n'aimaient Guillaume, mais celui-ci saisit Mathilde quand elle sortait de la messe à Bruges, et avant de l'emmener, il la fit rouler dans la boue, pour la dompter.

Le père de Guillaume était Robert le Diable, et on peut voir aujourd'hui son château de Falaise. Les ducs de Normandie se révoltaient souvent contre leurs seigneurs, les rois de France, et il y a beaucoup de forteresses en ruines surtout le long de l'ancienne frontière.

Parmi les châteaux normands sont ceux d' Alençon et de Mont Saint Michel, et le château de Vin, dans les bois près de Honfleur. Nous avons vu entre autres les abbayes de Fécamp et de Jumièges. À Rouen, une tour de la cathédrale s'appelle 'la tour de beurre,' parce que les habitants de la ville se passèrent de beurre pour la faire bâtir. Dans la Grand' Place de Rouen Jeanne d'Arc fut brûlée ; pour commémorer sa mort, les gens de Rouen jettent des fleurs dans la Seine, à l'endroit où en 1431 on jeta son cœur.

Dans le cours de sa conférence la Comtesse de Croze nous a fait visiter aussi d'autres villes normandes, particulièrement celles qui se trouvent sur la côte, depuis St. Valéry en Caux, Le Havre, Trouville, Deauville et Honfleur, jusqu' à Cherbourg et Avranches près de la Bretagne. Pour la plupart, elle ont des églises dont les patrons sont particulièrement aimés des marins et des pêcheurs qui habitent cette côte. À Fecamp il y a une relique du Saint Sang, comme il y en a dans la Chapelle du St. Sang à Bruges, et pareillement une fois par an, on promène la relique en cortège dans les rues.

En parlant de l'esprit normand, Mme. de Croze nous a raconté une anecdote qui ferait croire que ce sont des gens très sagaces. Un voyageur à l'air bohémien demanda à un aubergiste normand le prix de pension. Il lui demanda " Êtes-vous peintre ou poète ? " " Mais pourquoi ? " dit-il étonné. " Pour un peintre, le prix est moins élevé que pour un poète parce que celui-ci a toujours bon appétit, mais celui-là ne mange presque rien."

K. SIMMS.

BRONTË LAND.

Haworth, the home of the Brontës, is a small Yorkshire town. When I first saw it there had just been a storm, and the cobblestone pavements, all up the side of the steep, narrow high street, glistened in the weak sunlight. The houses are all built of stone, obtained from the quarries close by on the moor. The town is built very near to the moor, and the old rectory is on the edge of it. Haworth is proud of its association with the Brontës, and many things are called after them. In High Street there is the Brontë café and the Brontë fruit shop, and one of the 'bus companies is named after them.

The church is just at the top of High Street, on the left hand side going up. This is now very different from what it was when the Brontës lived in Haworth. The churchyard, which has many beautiful tomb-stones, has now been properly drained. In the Brontës time the drainage was bad, and was the cause of much

ill-health. All the three girls, Charlotte, Emily and Anne, died of consumption. Next to the church is the Black Bull: it is here that Branwell Brontë used to spend most of his evenings. The kitchen window of the Black Bull opens on to the churchyard, and as old Patrick Brontë went in at the front door to fetch his son home, Branwell went out at the kitchen window, and arrived home before his father. The old rectory is now used as a museum. Here, there is a bracelet through which there is threaded a plait of Anne's hair; a small note-book in which is Charlotte's first poem, written when she was fourteen; and an old wicker work-basket which belonged to one of the sisters.

About two miles across the moor there is the village of Stanbury. The Brontë brook runs through Stanbury, and on the moor there are the Brontë falls. These are only very small, as the brook itself is not large. By the Brontë bridge, which is about two feet wide and made of stone, there is a large stone shaped like a chair. This is called Charlotte's chair, for she used to sit here when on her walks across the moor. Deeper into the moor there are three shepherds' huts. They are built of stone, one room up and one room down. It is hardly safe to go into these huts now: it is certainly not safe to go upstairs. These three buildings are much disfigured with initials, just as Charlotte's chair is. They are called 'Wuthering Heights,' or the Upper, Middle and Lower Withers.

Haworth has not changed much since the Brontës lived there in the last century. It still has many of the same old stone buildings and cobbled pavements. It looks cold, grey and wild, because it is built so close to the bleak moors.

G. A. THURMAN.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

AUTUMN TERM.—The Annual Business Meeting was held on November 28th, 1933, when the following officers were elected:—General Committee—Ex-officio: Miss Cooper, Miss Budgen, Miss Woodhead and Miss Beck; Treasurer, M. Parker; Secretary, F. Howkins; House Secretaries: Apollo, R. Allport; Jupiter, B. Orme; Mars, Mrs. Deville; Neptune, K. Tibbitts. Tea Committee: R. Allport (Secretary), K. Hardy, M. Prince, M. Lewis. Hockey Captain, N. Land. Registrar, Miss Beck.

It was agreed that the Staff be invited to all re-unions, and may be elected honorary members of the Society.

SPRING TERM.—The Spring Meeting, on February 13th, took the form of a Military Whist Drive, organised by Miss Land.

SUMMER TERM.—The Summer Meeting was held on the School Birthday, June 29th, when the Old Girls joined in the Tennis Tournament. At a short Business Meeting which followed the tea, arrangements were made for the visit of the members of the Birmingham Women's Settlement on July 20th. K. Babb was elected as Secretary for the catering on that day, with K. Forrester to help her.

It was decided that the Old Girls' prize this year should be given for Reading, and a Committee consisting of K. Babb, M. Bull and K. Hardy was formed to choose and hear the readings.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

W. COPE is at Liverpool University in the Training Department.

K. BLOOR has a Civil Service post in Birmingham.

J. BRADBURY is working in Messrs. Boots, Cash Chemists, Uttoxeter Branch.

M. LEWIS is a Laboratory Assistant in the United Dairies Co.

S. DYKES is in the Coat Department in Messrs. Harrods, Knightsbridge.

P. KELLY is apprenticed to Messrs. Johnson, a firm of drapers, in Leicester.

D. SHERRATT has a post as clerk in Messrs. Bamfords' Agricultural Works.

D. WOOD is doing secretarial work.

MGT. SHIPTON has a post as clerk in Messrs. Bamfords' Agricultural Works.

J. YOUNG is a nurse at Sir William Treloar's Cripples' Home, Alton, Hants.

M. BAGNALL is taking an extended course at the Goldsmiths' College, and is working for a Diploma in Geography.

FRANCES BULL, after her three years' training at Bedford Physical Training College, is Gymnastics and Games Mistress at Tiverton Girls' School.

If Old Girls will keep in touch with me from time to time their news, which is of interest to us all, can be put into the Magazine.

A. BECK, Registrar.

BIRTH.—Mrs. Deville (née Joan Babb), a son.

MARRIAGE—Alice Langridge to Ernest Whittaker.

DEATH.—Rita Brittlebank.

SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR'S CRIPPLES' HOME.

NURSES' HOME,
TRELOAR HOSPITAL,
ALTON, HANTS.

MY DEAR NEPTUNE,

28.2.35.

I promised that I would write and tell you something about this place.

First, I will try to explain the history of the Hospital. It was started in 1907 because Lord Mayor Treloar found that so many children in London were crippled with tuberculosis and were unable to attend a party he was giving. His first idea was to give these crippled children a summer holiday, but doctors influenced him to start a home to cure them.

The building was given by the Government, being the remains of a hospital for soldiers wounded in the Boer War—Sir William merely repaired it—but very little of the old building remains, the main wards were pulled down three years ago and replaced by modern buildings.

There are five blocks all exactly alike. Each block has two main wards holding 24 beds, two small wards with four beds, and 4 cubicles. Outside each ward is a verandah where the beds are wheeled out on fine days. In addition to the five main blocks there is the Light Department, which is the best in the country.

There is also a most marvellous kitchen with every possible gadget—potatoes are even peeled by electricity.

And now for the children! I expect you have imagined the same thing that I did about sick children—poor little souls lying in bed with temperatures and fretting. Not a bit of it! When a child is comfortable its temperature is quite normal. A child suffering from a diseased hip or knee is put into extension, that means it has weights pulling the leg out of its sockets so that the diseased part is not irritated, and so that the disease does not spread. The treatment takes about two-and-a-half years.

The children, while they are in bed, live a life as much like other children as possible: they have two hours' school in the morning and two in the afternoon.

The children who are convalescent go down to the Day Room and go to school in lovely class-rooms near the Light Department.

The uniform is rather interesting. Children in bed wear a vest, a flannel gown and a cape. Girls who are up wear red jerseys, bright blue cotton gym. tunics, and blue and red cloaks; boys wear jerseys, cotton trousers, and brown and red cloaks.

The children have a white blanket next to them, and the rest are bright red: they look so nice.

I expect House Hockey matches are being thought about now.

The best of luck, Neptune !

With love and best wishes,

JEAN M. YOUNG.